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Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

RE: Incidental Boundary Change to Permit Area, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038

Dear Ms. Littig:

INCOMING

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is herewith submitting two copies of revisions to the Willow Creek permit to address an incidental permit boundary change. An additional copy of this permit revision will be delivered to the Price Field Office.

The 840 acres (more or less) to be added to the permit area are located in T12S R9E and T12S R10E. The acreage is being added to accommodate future mining and potential subsidence.

State of Utah, R645- Coal Mine Permitting Rules have been addressed as follows:

*14,670 AC.
5.7%*

R645-301-100

The description of the lands to be added to the permit area in this Incidental Boundary Change (IBC) is:

T12S R9E

Section 23 - SE1/4, E1/2SE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4NE1/4SW1/4
Section 24 - S1/2SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4(including Lot 4), NW1/4NW1/4SW1/4,
SW1/4NE1/4SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4SW1/4

T12S R10E

Section 19 - S1/2SW1/4, SE1/4
Section 20 - S1/2SW1/4, S1/2NE1/4SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

The surface and coal are controlled by the BLM. Both Map 1 - Regional Surface Ownership and Map 2 - Regional Coal Ownership have been revised. As discussed in Sections 2.1 and 4.5, an application for the modification of Lease UTU-73975 has been submitted to the BLM. Other leases will be modified within the area as mine development dictates. No mining will occur prior to the approval of the pending or future lease modification(s).

The permit boundary has been modified in T13S R10E, Section 6. Wayne Western from the UDOGM office notified PMC of the error. Upon verification of the permit boundary description, we made the correction.

R645-301-200

Soil resources within the IBC shown on Map 3 and listed in Section 3.1.2.1 were compiled from the USDA "Soil Survey of Carbon Area, Utah". Soil Mapping Unit Descriptions are being added to Exhibit 5.

No surface disturbance is planned within the IBC. Commitments concerning soils in the approved M&RP will apply to the soils in the IBC area.

R645-301-300

Revisions have been made to Sections 3.2 and 3.3. The revisions address threatened and endangered plant and wildlife species associated with the IBC.

Table 3.2-1 has been revised to include the additional vegetation types by acreage affiliated with the IBC. The total acreage listed on the table is different from the total acreage listed for the permit boundary area. The table reflects all vegetation including the areas in T12S R10E, Sections 26, 34 & 35 and T13S R10E, Sections 8, 9&10 which are excluded from the permit area acreage.

Section 4.3 has been revised to include the data from the 2000 captor survey. In addition, Map 7 has been updated to include the most current captor survey information.

Vegetation types have been extended on Map 5 to include the IBC area. The sources used to extend the vegetation are aerial photography (September 1994, colored and October 1997, black and white) and various BLM environmental assessments (1997 - 2000).

R645-301-400

Section 3.4 includes references to environmental assessments compiled for the BLM which include cultural and historical inventories for the IBC area. Within the IBC area no cultural, historic or paleontological resources exist which could potentially be impacted by mining or related operations.

Pages 3.4-5 and 3.4-6 have been included in this submittal because of symbol errors which occurred during text conversion from one word processing system to another.

Land use for the IBC area is shown on Map 9.

R645-301-500

Section 4.5 has been revised to reflect the modification of Lease UTU-73975. The lease

modification has required adjustment in the text associated with cover and the isopach maps (Maps 14A - 14E).

The verbiage in Section 4.5.2.2 pertaining to mining development, timing, and production levels will be updated during permit renewal as authorized in the approved M&RP. PMC should have more concrete mine plans and projected production levels by that time.

The IBC acreage modification is approximately 6% of the acreage within the currently approved permit boundary area.

The overburden isopach maps (Maps 14A through 14E) have been updated. In addition the mine plan maps for the A, C, D, and K seams have been revised (Maps 19A - 19D).

No surface operations or facilities are associated with the IBC area.

The subsidence requirements and commitments in the approved M&RP will apply to the IBC.

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The geologic information for the IBC area are included in the currently approved M&RP. Pages 3.6-10 and 11 have been included because of errors in map numbers previously referenced.

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The IBC area is covered in the current PHC and CHIA. No modifications have been made in this submittal.

R645-301-800

Since there is no disturbance planned for the IBC area, no modifications have been made to the bond.

Insurance is provided in the currently approved M&RP and as it is renewed.

MAPS

Permit maps 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14A - 14E, 15, 17, 19A - 19D and 20 have been revised to include the IBC acreage.

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No "Special Categories of Mining" apply to the IBC area.

R645-302-300

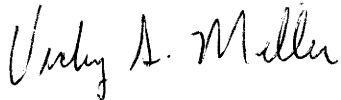
The IBC area does not qualify as prime farmlands and has not historically been used for cropland. In addition, an alluvial valley floor does not exist within the proposed IBC area.

Due to problems with the mine's plotter, several maps are not the print quality we normally produce. Please let us know if the content of the maps are unclear due to our printing problems and we will replot the maps. We intend to have the plotter repaired as soon as the back-ordered parts arrive.

Commitments in the approved M&RP will apply to the IBC area.

If you have any questions, please contact myself or Johnny Pappas.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vicky S. Miller".

Vicky S. Miller
Environmental Specialist
(435) 472-4711

Enclosures

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New Permit <input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	Transfer <input type="checkbox"/>	Exploration <input type="checkbox"/>	Bond Release <input type="checkbox"/>	Permit Number: ACT/007/038
Title of Proposal: Incidental Boundary Change to Permit Area.						Mine: Willow Creek
						Permittee: Plateau Mining Corporation

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:

Acquisition of pending and future lease modifications pursuant to mine layout and sequence.

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), this may be a Significant Revision and require Public Notice. Any questions, please call a Permit Supervisor.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? 840 acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres increase
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?) Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Attach 2 complete copies of the application. One additional copy will be delivered to the Price Field Office.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

Signed: Johnny Pappas - St. Env. Engineer - 7/13/00
 day of July, 2000
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of July, 2000
 My Commission Expires: 3-15, 2001
 Attest: CAABON
 Notary Public
 STATE OF
 COUNTY OF

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Application for Permit Change

Detailed Schedule of Changes to the Permit

Title of Change: Incidental Boundary Change to Permit Area.

Permit Number: ACT/007/038

Mine: Willow Creek

Permittee: Plateau Mining Corp.

Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the mining and reclamation plan which will be required as a result of this proposed permit change. Individually list all maps and drawings which are to be added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Include changes of the table of contents, section of the plan, pages, or other information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise the exiting mining and reclamation plan. **Include page, section and drawing numbers as part of the description.**

			DESCRIPTION OF MAP, TEXT, OR MATERIALS TO BE CHANGED
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Section 1.0, pages 1.0-3 and 1.0-4
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Section 2.1, pages 2.1-2, 2.1-5 and 2.1-11
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Section 3.1, page 3.1-8
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Section 3.2, pages 3.2-2, 3.2-6 and 3.2-18
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Section 3.3, pages 3.3-17 and 3.3-18
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Section 3.4, pages 3.4-5, 3.4-6 and 3.4-8
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Section 3.6, pages 3.6-10 and 3.6-11
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Section 4.3, pages 4.3-5, 4.3-14 and 4.3-16
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Section 4.5, pages 4.5-1, 4.5-2, 4.5-3, 4.5-5, 4.5-15, 4.5-17, 4.5-28, 4.5-29, and 4.5-30
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Exhibit 5, add to the back of the existing information
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	List of Maps, in front of Volumes 1, 2, and 3 of M&RP
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Maps 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14A through 14E, 15, 17, 19A through 19D and 20
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Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan?

Due to redlines/strikeout text being submitted, the pagination in each section may vary in the final submittal. Additional pages may need to be submitted to allow the revised text to fit into the M&RP approved text.

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